

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By Chairman Ron Stoker, on March 16, 2007 at 3:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ron Stoker, Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 354, 3/8/2007; SB 162, 3/8/2007;
SB 236, 3/9/2007; SB 132, 3/8/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 132

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:35 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 132, Revise marriage license requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:30 Jane Smiley, Administrator, Public Health and Safety Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:06:59 Ellen Leahy, Missoula City County Health Department

00:07:19 Dr. Phil Pallister, Boulder, Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:08:42 Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:40 Rep. Caferro

00:10:06 Ms. Smiley

00:10:28 Rep. Caferro

00:10:56 Rep. Becker

00:11:16 Ms. Smiley

00:11:33 Rep. Stoker

00:11:43 Ms. Smiley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:25 Sen. Gallus

HEARING ON SB 236

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:39 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 236, Require use of mercury-free vaccines for children.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:29 Jane Smiley, Administrator, Public Health and Safety Division, DPHHS

00:19:27 Sharon Howard, Montana Nurses Association

00:20:21 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

00:22:45 Sammi Butler, InterMountain Children's Home, Helena,
Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:57 Dr. Donald Skillman, Infectious Disease Physicians of
Montana

EXHIBIT(huh56a01)

00:29:17 Barbara Schneeman, Yellowstone City County Health
Department

00:32:27 Ellen Leahy, Missoula City County Health Department

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:12 Rep. Sands

00:39:35 Ms. Smiley

00:42:23 Rep. Sands

00:43:06 Ms. Smiley

00:45:10 Denise Pizzini, Legal Counsel, DPHHS

00:46:47 Rep. French

00:47:41 Dr. Skillman

00:48:11 Rep. French

00:48:28 Dr. Skillman

00:49:05 Rep. French

00:49:50 Sen. Gallus

00:50:32 Rep. McAlpin

00:51:13 Ms. Smiley

00:51:31 Rep. McAlpin

00:51:36 Ms. Smiley

00:51:53 Rep. French

00:52:56 Ms. Smiley

00:53:49 Rep. French

00:54:08 Ms. Pizzini

00:54:25 Rep. Stoker

00:54:28 Dr. Skillman

00:54:49 Mr. Smith

00:55:18 Rep. Stoker

00:55:31 Mr. Smith

00:55:56 Rep. Reinhart

00:56:25 Dr. Skillman

00:57:22 Rep. Ingraham

00:58:02 Ms. Smiley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:20 Sen. Gallus

HEARING ON SB 162

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:24 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 162, Revise genetics program laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:24 JoAnn Dotson, Chief of Family and Community Health
Bureau, Department of Public health and Human Services
EXHIBIT(huh56a02)

01:14:17 Dr. Phil Pallister
01:24:04 Deborah Donovan, March of Dimes Foundation
EXHIBIT(huh56a03)

01:26:45 Chery Endy and her daughter, Brook
01:29:52 Dr. Jim Little, Pediatrician, Wyoming
01:30:50 Jill Hanson Trodowski
01:36:53 Jack Casey, Administrator, Shodair Hospital
01:40:01 Dr. Jim Reynolds, Pediatrician and Medical Geneticist,
Shodair Hospital
EXHIBIT(huh56a04)

01:42:19 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association
01:42:42 Casey Blumenthall, Montana Hospital Association
01:43:25 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council of Maternal and Child
Health
01:43:58 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
01:44:16 Sharon Howard, Montana Nurses Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:45 Rep. Ingraham
01:45:15 Dr. Reynolds
01:45:55 Rep. Milburn
01:46:14 Dr. Reynolds
01:47:34 Rep. Milburn
01:48:09 Rep. French
01:48:51 Mr. Casey
01:49:11 Rep. French
01:49:41 Mr. Casey
01:50:09 Rep. Reinhart

01:50:26 Ms. Dotson
01:51:12 Rep. Reinhart
01:51:22 Ms. Dotson
01:51:45 Rep. Dutton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:52:20 Sen. Schmidt

HEARING ON SB 354

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:55:09 Sen. Greg Lind (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 354, Revise physician medicaid reimbursement conversion factor.

EXHIBIT(huh56a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:00:56 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

EXHIBIT(huh56a06)

02:09:30 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association
02:12:13 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health
02:13:22 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association
02:14:27 Dr. Andrew Michelle, Montana Chapter of Emergency Physicians
02:16:45 Corey Swanson, Montana Orthopedic Society
02:18:15 Gloria Hermanson, State Society of Ophthalmologists
02:19:01 Mark Burzynski, Vice President of Health Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

EXHIBIT(huh56a07)

02:23:50 Mr. Melby

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:24:28 John Chappius, DPHHS

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:24:55 Rep. Peterson
02:25:37 Sen. Lind
02:26:38 Rep. Reinhart
02:27:08 Ms. Dalton

02:29:42 Rep. Reinhart
02:29:52 Ms. Dalton
02:30:06 Rep. French
02:30:45 Ms. Dalton
02:31:11 Rep. French
02:31:23 Ms. Dalton
02:31:28 Rep. Dutton
02:32:23 Ms. Dalton
02:33:51 Rep. Dutton
02:34:20 Ms. Dalton
02:34:45 Rep. Dutton
02:35:02 Ms. Dalton
02:36:18 Rep. McGillvray
02:36:55 Ms. Dalton
02:37:37 Rep. Reinhart
02:37:53 Sen. Lind

Closing by Sponsor:

02:39:11 Sen. Lind
02:41:30 Rep. Stoker

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 P.M.

REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

RS/dc

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([huh56aad.pdf](#))